

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A biomass gasification system comprising[[:]]:
 - a gasification furnace which generates a fuel gas from biomass;
 - a reforming device which attains a process temperature at which ~~the~~a tar component within the fuel gas is thermally cracked, ~~said reforming device being~~ connected to a supply system which feeds fuel gas from said gasification furnace to a utilization system; and
 - a fuel gas induction system ~~able to~~that feeds the fuel gas from said reforming device to said gasification furnace ~~for use as~~ fuel to power the operation of said gasification furnace during ~~the~~a time when said reforming device has not yet attained a process temperature.
2. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The biomass gasification system according to claim 1, wherein combustion turning control means is provided to select a fossil fuel or fuel gas as the fuel to be combusted to drive the gasification furnace.
3. (Currently Amended) A biomass gasification system operating method comprising[[:]]:
 - ~~a step that~~directing fuel gas is ~~directed~~ from a reforming device, within which the temperature of the fuel gas is increased to a point at which ~~the~~a tar component within the fuel gas generated from biomass in a gasification furnace is thermally cracked, to said gasification furnace ~~for use as~~ fuel to be combusted by said gasification furnace during ~~the~~a time when the temperature of said reforming device is below a process temperature.
4. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The biomass gasification system operating method according to claim 3, wherein initial operation of said gasification furnace is driven by the combustion of fossil fuel after which said gasification furnace operation is powered by ~~the~~ combus-

tion of fuel gas supplied from said reforming device during the time when the temperature of said reforming device is below the process temperature.